

Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

A Division of the



Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Huntington

LCC: Local Anti-Drug Coalition Efforts (L.A.C.E.)

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: The L.A.C.E. Board of Directors will comprehensively gather data and assess needs regarding alcohol and drug abuse and addiction in Huntington County, to help access current and prospective funding sources for opportunities and programs in the areas of prevention, treatment and justice, to review grant proposals and give recommendations, and to pursue community involvement as needed.

History: Since July 1990, a fund has been accumulating in Huntington County, known as the County Drug-Free Community Fund. The money is collected from fines assessed from those persons convicted of alcohol/drug related offenses through Huntington County Courts.

The Huntington County Committee for Drug-Free Indiana was established in 1990, and is comprised of various members that are representative of our community; law enforcement, education, youth, family, treatment, etc. The committee is an arm of the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana and has been actively involved in obtaining funding for programs that can be used to combat alcohol/drug abuse in our community. In June of 1998, the committee decided on a new name and a new mission statement, hence the name LACE – Local Anti-Drug Coalition Efforts of Huntington County.

Huntington County is located in Northeast Indiana. The population of Huntington County, according to a 2003 report, is 17,163. 11,923 people reside in the city of Huntington, 1,494 people reside in the town of Roanoke, 1,258 citizens reside in Warren, 1,290 citizens reside in Andrews, 1,090 citizens reside in Markle and 108 citizens reside in Mount Etna. 98.2% of the population is caucasian. The unemployment rate for 2004 was 6.4%. Owner occupied housing accounts for 71.9% of the residences in Huntington County. Renter occupied housing is at 21.3%. The 2002 per capita income was \$25,715.00. The 2002 median family income was \$49,031.00.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:

The Huntington County Commissioners have approved the LACE Board to serve as their advisory committee for funding proposals of the County Drug-Free Fund.

The LACE Board seeks proposals for funding needs from our community each year. To be awarded grant monies, proposals must address one or more of the following problem statements:

1. The community lacks the necessary resources to teach knowledge and awareness regarding the use and dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
2. Individuals who abuse substances lack the necessary funding for treatment services.
3. Local Law Enforcement agencies respond to crimes that can be directly or indirectly tied to substance abuse.

Membership List

**County LCC Name: Local Anti-Drug Coalition Efforts of
Huntington County**

Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
William R. Lucker	Otis R. Bowen Center for Human Services	Caucasian	Male	Treatment
John Kreiger	Huntington City Police	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Dwight Brautigam	Huntington County Council	Caucasian	Male	Government
Kent Farthing	Huntington County Sheriff's Department	Caucasian	Male	Law Enforcement
Steve Mason	Insurance Services	Caucasian	Male	Parent
Linda Aldridge	Purdue Extension Services	Caucasian	Female	Other
Erin Wiley	Huntington County Probation	Caucasian	Female	Judicial
Curt Crago	Huntington Community School Corporation	Caucasian	Male	Education
Dick Murray	Huntington Parks Department	Caucasian	Male	Other
Kris Keys	Anthony Wayne Council	Caucasian	Male	Other
Mandy Reber	Boys and Girls Club	Caucasian	Female	Other
Paul Frymiller		Caucasian	Male	Medicine
Jan Williams	Youth Services Bureau	Caucasian	Female	Other

Problem Identification

Problem Statement #1: The community lacks the necessary resources to teach knowledge and awareness regarding the use and dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Supportive Data:

- The number of single parent families in Huntington County is 1,386. There were 350 single male parent families and 1,036 single female parent families in Huntington County in 2000 (the most current census information). Non-traditional types of family structure make it more difficult for parents to be involved with their children. Therefore, a number of young people lack appropriate and adequate adult supervision during the developmental years.
- There were 321 live births reported in 2005. Fifteen of those live births were to youth less than 19 years old. There were 411 births reported in 2004 and 438 births recorded in the year 2003. The teenage pregnancy rate for 2002 was 10.6%; in 1997 it was 20%. In 2002, there were 24 reported teenage pregnancies; in 2001 there were 33 reported teenage pregnancies.
- Of the 237 adolescents on probation in 2005 (up 97 since 2004), 62 (down 3 since 2004) were arrested for alcohol or other drug related offenses. It is believed that such activities lead young people to more serious criminal behaviors in later years. The Huntington County Probation Department estimates that 75% of its adult caseload has juvenile records.
- The Huntington County Probation department recorded 167 school referrals in 2005 (up 10 from 2004). The graduation rate for the 2004-2005 school year was 94.3%. There were 46 dropouts in the Huntington County Community School System in the 2003-2004 school year. In 1997-1998, there were seventy-two (72), in the 1998-1999 school year, there were sixty-seven (67) dropouts, in the 2001-2002 school year there were forty-three (43) dropouts, and in the 2002-2003 school year there were 52 dropouts. Few, if any, return to finish their education. Currently, the Youth Services Bureau has entered its fourth year with the Transition Center. Few jobs are available; those that remain are low paying, dead-end type jobs. The youth that leave schools are at-risk for substance abuse, legal and other source problems.

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Objectives:

- **Make parenting/educational/emotional support classes available for parents of at-risk children.**
- **Promote existing youth activities such as scouting, 4-H, FFA, community athletic programs, etc.**
- **Promote the creation of alternative education, an intensive juvenile day program, and a method for those students removed from school to continue with their studies.**
- **Expand the roles of prevention/education programs provided by the schools and other community agencies.**
- **Continue to support the activities of the L.A.C.E. Board, and encourage participation in state sponsored activities.**
- **Participate in Red Ribbon Week, Forks of the Wabash Pioneer Festival, Huntington County Expo, 4-H Fair, Etc.**
- **Support mentoring programs within the community.**
- **Support programs to reduce drinking and driving.**
- **Promote alternative after school activities.**
- **Collaborative efforts will be made to include community networking to build educational programs.**

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Goals:

- Collaborative Efforts will be made to conduct convocations regarding the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drugs to 95% of the students at Huntington North High School and Huntington County Community School Corporation middle schools by 2008.
- The community will add at least two additional resources to teach knowledge and awareness regarding the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by 2008.

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Problem Statement #2: Individuals who abuse substances lack the necessary funding for treatment services.

Supportive Data:

- Records indicate that in the fiscal year 2005, 2 out of every 10 persons assessed as being in need of treatment made \$15,000.00 or less.
- For those with the ability to pay, the nearest inpatient facility is located in Fort Wayne. Outpatient programs in Huntington County normally operate at close to capacity. In the calendar year 2005, a total of 35 clients were treated for chemical dependency and abuse that required L.A.C.E. funding for a portion of their treatment. The number of clients treated in 2004 was 27.
- Substance abuse treatment options for adolescents have improved in Huntington County. Juvenile records indicate that approximately 59 cases (down 3 from 2004) dealt with substance abuse with services through the Huntington County Probation Office. There are short-term shelter care and residential service available specifically for adolescents and some continued care options.

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Objectives:

- **Offer financial assistance to clients in need of services.**
- **Support the development of self-help support groups in the community for adults and adolescents.**
- **Expand the treatment services already in existence for indigents and adolescents by developing a better identification of those in need of better matching of services and ability to pay.**
- **Support the development of an inpatient treatment facility for men, women and children.**

- Advocate for additional training of treatment providers and develop services to cover a spectrum of activities such as identification, intervention, referral and assessment, as well as a continuum of treatment services.
- Support treatment of incarcerated individuals.

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Goals:

- The LCC will provide funding to support alcohol, tobacco and other drug counseling to our treatment providers for the years 2007 and 2008.
- Collaboration between the LCC and the Huntington County Sheriff's Department will continue to insure inmate counseling.

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Problem Statement #3: Local Law Enforcement agencies respond to crimes that can be directly or indirectly tied to substance abuse.

Supportive Data:

- Estimates indicate that 90% of all types of abuse also include the abuse of alcohol and other drugs. Additionally, both perpetrators and victims of abuse and neglect are at high risk to create other serious problems.
- Huntington City Police Department reports that in 2005 there were 159 (up 18 from 2004) reported battery cases, 24 (down 24 from 2004) family cruelty and domestic assault complaints and 6 reported rape charges (down 1 from 2004). The Huntington City Police Department reports 125 arrests in 2005 (down 99 from 2004) for DWI/PI. There were 78 arrests in 2000. Law Enforcement reports that out of 554 crash reports (down 103 from 2004), 5 crashes were alcohol-related in the City of Huntington in 2005 (down 7 from 2004).
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Objectives:

- **Support concentrated law enforcement efforts, such as the drug task force, DUI patrols, sting operations and electronic monitoring.**
- **Provide funding for additional computerization to assist in accumulation statistics on crimes where substance abuse is a factor.**
- **Provide law enforcement agencies with funding for education and training of officers and up-to-date equipment.**
- **Continue the collaborative efforts in planning and instituting solutions to the ATOD problems of Huntington County.**

- Advocate for urinalysis/oral swab testing, both for probation clients and as a condition of bond for drug offenders.

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Goals:

- Crimes that can be directly or indirectly tied to substance abuse will be reduced by 8%.

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Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!

Next Annual Update Due: 02/2007

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: 02/2010

Date of Community Consultant Review: 2/28/06, 3/15/06 (after corrections)

Disclaimer:

You agree that the information provided within this Plan is subject to the following Terms and Conditions. These Terms and Conditions may be modified at any time and from time to time; the date of the most recent changes or revisions will be established by the Commission and sent electronically to all Local Coordinating Councils.

Terms and Conditions:

The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

Initials: MP

Drug-Free Communities Fund Information

The Local Anti-Drug Coalition Efforts of Huntington County received grant applications totaling \$59,653.04. Each grant applicant appeared at the October 2005 coalition meeting to present their proposal and respond to any questions the coalition may have for them. Once presentations were completed, the coalition held a distribution meeting. The coalition members that submitted grant applications were asked to leave the room when the category (i.e. law enforcement, prevention/education, treatment) that their application was in was being voted on. The coalition then made a unanimous decision to modify problem statement number one to no longer include traffic safety.

The coalition awarded \$36,480.00 in 2005 in the form of grant monies to local treatment providers, law enforcement personnel and educators. The recipients of the grant monies are required to provide an accounting statement to the coalition, as well as attend two LACE Meetings for the calendar year 2006.

**Amount deposited in fund for the fiscal year 2005 (November 2004 – October 2005):
\$50,809.69 (Actual January –December 2005 collections were \$39,785.87)**

<u>JUSTICE</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Huntington County Sheriff Portable Breath Alcohol Analyzers	\$2,710.45	\$2,710.45
Huntington County Sheriff Body Bug	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Huntington City Police Narcotic Analysis Kits	\$199.20	\$199.20
Huntington City Police Body Bug Transmitter	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Huntington City Police Confidential Drug Buy Money	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Huntington City Police In Car Computers	\$2,247.00	\$2,247.00
Huntington City Police Radar	\$1,498.00	\$1,498.00
Markle Police Department Desktop Computer	\$1,900.00	-0-
Roanoke Police Department Taser Guns	\$3,643.39	-0-
TOTAL	\$16,948.04	\$11,404.65

<u>TREATMENT</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Otis R. Bowen Center for Human Services, Inc. Adolescent and Adult Substance Abuse Services	\$9,000.00	\$5,000.00
Evergreen Juvenile Facility Treatment of Adolescent Substance Abuse	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
Huntington County Sheriff Jailhouse Treatment	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Evergreen Juvenile Facility Conflict Resolution	\$1,000.00	-0-
Huntington County Sheriff Productive Conflict Management for confined inmates	\$1,500.00	-0-
TOTAL	\$21,000.00	\$11,500.00
<u>PREVENTION/EDUCATION</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Crestview Middle School Rick Stoddard Presentation	\$625.00	\$199.20
Youth Services Bureau Teen Court	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
Youth Services Bureau Students Out of School Program	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
Riverview Middle School Leadership Potential	\$4,725.00	\$4,102.85
Huntington City Police Fatal Vision Goggles	\$480.00	\$480.00
Boy Scouts of America Educational Program	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
Huntington North High School Youth Mentoring Program	\$3,850.00	\$1,667.50
Steve Mason Dangers of Drinking & Driving Program	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
TOTAL	\$21,705.00	\$13,399.55

<u>Administrative</u>	\$5,050.45
Office supplies, travel expenses, training and coalition sponsored activities)	
Salary	\$9,455.04
Total	\$14,505.49

***As noted above, there were no unused funds in 2005.

2006 L.A.C.E. Fund Grant Requests

Prevention/Education	Requested
Huntington North High School "Viking Freshman Mentoring Program"	\$3,850.00
Crestview Middle School "Drug Free Club"	\$ 625.00
Steve Mason "Dangers of Drinking & Driving"	\$1,025.00
Youth Services Bureau "Project S.O.S."	\$5,000.00
Youth Services Bureau "Teen Court"	\$5,000.00
Anthony Wayne Area Council "Spring Recruitment Event"	\$1,000.00
Riverview Middle School "Leadership Potential"	\$4,725.00
Total Requests:	\$21,225.00

Law Enforcement	Requested
Markle Police Dept. "Desktop Computer"	\$1,900.00
Huntington Police Department "Fatal Vision Goggles"	\$ 480.00
Huntington Police Department "Narcotic Analysis Kits"	\$ 199.20
Huntington Police Department "Body Bug Transmitter"	\$1,250.00
Huntington Police Department "Confidential Drug Buy Money"	\$1,000.00
Huntington Police Department "Laptop Computers for Detectives"	\$2,247.00
Roanoke Police Department "New Equipment-Taser"	\$3,643.39
Roanoke Police Department "New Equipment-Radar"	\$1,498.00
Huntington County Sheriff's Dept. "Portable Breath Alcohol Analyzers"	\$2,710.45
Huntington County Sheriff's Dept. "Bug"	\$2,500.00

Total Requests: \$17,428.04

Treatment	Requested
Bowen Center	\$9,000.00
“Adult & Adolescent Chemical Dependence/Abuse Services”	
Huntington County Sheriff	\$3,500.00
“Inmate Treatment Program”	
Huntington County Sheriff	\$1,500.00
“Productive Conflict for Confined Inmates”	
Evergreen Addiction Services	\$1,000.00
“In Control”	
Evergreen Addiction Services	\$6,000.00
“Helping Out!”	
Total Requests:	\$21,000.00

Total Requested for 2006: \$59,653.04